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| For : | SEQUENTIAL ADDITION OF SHORT DNA OLIGOS IN DNA-POLYMERASE-BASED SYNTHESIS REACTIONS | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a preliminary amendment in a RCE application. In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: